



May 5, 2009

Honorable Mayor Maso and Members of the Frisco City Council:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Museum of the American Railroad, it is my great pleasure to provide you with the attached Development Agreement and Lease. It is with the unanimous and enthusiastic support of our organization that we present this document signed by Robert Willis, our Board Chair to the Council for consideration this evening.

In April, 2008 the City of Frisco approved a Memorandum of Understanding with our museum to pursue a formal agreement that provides for the relocation of the permanent collection and establishment of operations in Frisco. We are pleased to come before the Council tonight and present you with MAR's plan for the future and to commit our dedication and support to its completion.

In the past year we have worked closely with the City Manager's office and Frisco's Planning & Development Department to create a conceptual site plan that provides for permanent buildings and trackage to accommodate our collection of 36 historic locomotives and railway cars. You will find attached the most recent diagram that shows the location of key elements and the phases of development for what will become the premiere museum of railway history and technology in the Southwest.

Also attached is a rendering that we trust will convey the excitement and anticipation of the Museum of the American Railroad at its new home in Frisco. The grand façade of our proposed main building borrows from great train stations of the past, compliments existing architecture in Frisco Square, and looks forward to a bright future as a center of community activity.

On behalf of all of us at MAR, I would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to the citizens of Frisco and the City Government. Their generous contributions and endorsement of our museum will ensure its future role as a cultural history center and educational resource in North Texas.

Sincerely,

Bob LaPrelle
President & CEO